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(C) On April 9, MFA Palestinian Affairs Director Badr Abdelatty told us that the GOE believes Israel should do more to deliver gas and diesel supplies into Gaza in order to reduce tensions and decrease the potential for a border breach into Egypt. Abdelatty said the GOE realizes its new border wall could not repel a breach attempt. He also told us the MFA wants the Egyptian public to know that the GOE is working to provide humanitarian aid to Gaza and is taking a hard rhetorical line against another border breach. On April 9, the official news agency MENA called Egypt's borders "a red line," saying, "Egypt will not take lightly the protection of its frontiers against any attempt to violate them." The MFA issued an April 9 press statement that the GOE would respond to any attempt to breach its borders with a "firm stand." Opposition Al-Wafd and aggressive pro-government Rose Al-Yousef both reported that the GOE will counter any border breach seriously.
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